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Title: Meditations on Death - Volume I.

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A somewhat tattered  
brown leather  
notebook, filled with  
spidery writing.

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I have thought long and  
hard on the state  
which mortals refer  
to as "life", the state  
that they go to such  
lengths to preserve.  
Of course, coming to  
useful conclusions is  
difficult where the  
unpredictabilities of  
the mortal mind begin  
to come into play.

Death, it can be  
proposed, comes in to  
similar, yet very  
different forms;  
firstly there is mortal  
death. The death in  
which the being's life  
as a mortal is ended,  
although for all  
intents and purposes  
they can still be  
revived. Revival is  
possibly by either  
medicinal, magickal or  
arcane means.  
Necromancy, for  
example, can restore  
the being to "life"  
after the mortal shell  
has died.

Then, what if this  
newly resurrected  
being dies again, what  
then becomes of their  
life? The answer is  
of course, the same as

before. The being is  
free to be resurrected,  
so long as the physical  
shell is in a good  
enough condition.  
This, in effect leads  
to an endless cycle of  
death, restoration of  
life, and dying. The  
undead themselves,  
are subject to this  
cycle, as zombies and  
skeletons, even  
vampires, can be  
restored to life after  
entering a state which  
many would call  
'death'.

Now, it can also be  
proven that another  
state of death exists, a  
'final' death. From  
this state there is no  
return, the life and  
soul of the being in  
question is lost in the  
void, and becomes one  
with Oblivion. The  
soul, and the very  
essence of the being is  
lost to the all  
devouring forces of  
nothingness, and no  
resurrection is  
possible.

It is this death, to  
which everyone  
should aspire to fully  
understand, for to  
understand the final  
death, would surely  
enable the student  
understand Oblivion,  
and know the true  
power that it holds.

Alas, the hour grows  
late, and I have yet to  
prepare the newest  
batch of cadavers for  
my experiments  
tomorrow eve, I shall  
think more on these  
questions then...

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The rest of the  
journal is filled with  
meaningless sketches  
and notes.

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